

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 2, line 34, and ending at page 5, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~--The subject matters of the present invention to achieve the above purpose are disclosed in the following items [1] to [7]:~~

~~[1]~~ A According to one aspect of the invention there is provided a joint for tubings with which one end of a tubing (T) inserted into an internally threaded bore (21) of a nut member (20) is externally fitted to a joint main body (10), an internal thread of the nut member (20) being tightened against an external thread (13) of the joint main body (10) for supporting the one end of the tubing (T), wherein a control ring (30) which is externally fitted to the external thread (13) of ~~[[said]]~~ the joint main body (10), and which, in tightening of ~~[[said]]~~ the nut member (20), can adjust the degree of tightening of ~~[[said]]~~ the nut member (20), being sandwiched between a stopper portion (17) in the shape of a circular flange that is formed on the rear side of the external thread (13) of ~~[[said]]~~ the joint main body (10) and the bore peripheral face (25) of the internally threaded bore (21) of ~~[[said]]~~ the nut member (20); ~~[[said]]~~ the control ring has a first end face (32) which is brought into contact with the bore peripheral face (25) of the internally threaded bore (21) of ~~[[said]]~~ the nut member (20), and a second end face (34) which is brought into contact with the stopper portion (17) of ~~[[said]]~~ the joint main body (10) ~~[[,]]~~ when said nut member (20) is tightened; and ~~[[said]]~~ the first end face (32) is

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formed such that, by making the friction torque which is applied to the first end face (32) by the bore peripheral face (25) of the internally threaded bore (21) greater than the friction torque which is applied to the second end face (34) by the stopper portion (17), the nut member (20) is turned together with the control ring (30) when the nut member (20) is tightened.

~~{2}~~—A According to another aspect of the invention there is provided a joint for tubings with which one end of a tubing (T) inserted into an internally threaded bore (21) of a nut member (20) is externally fitted to a joint main body (10), an internal thread of the nut member (20) being tightened against an external thread (13) of the joint main body (10) for supporting the one end of the tubing (T), wherein a control ring (30) which is externally fitted to the external thread (13) of the joint main body (10), and which, in tightening of said nut member (20), can adjust the degree of tightening of the nut member (20), being sandwiched between a stopper portion (17) in the shape of a circular flange that is formed on the rear side of the external thread (13) of the joint main body (10) and the bore peripheral face (25) of the internally threaded bore (21) of the nut member (20); the control ring (30) has a first end face (32) which is brought into contact with the bore peripheral face (25) of the internally threaded bore (21) of the nut member (20), and a second end face (34) which is brought into contact with the stopper portion (17) of the joint main body (10) when the nut member (20) is tightened; and the first end face (32) is formed such that, by making the coefficient of

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friction between [[said]] the first end face (32) and the bore peripheral face (25) of [[said]] the internally threaded bore (21)[[,]] greater than the coefficient of friction between [[said]] the second end face (34) and [[said]] the stopper portion (17), [[said]] the nut member (20) is turned together with [[said]] the control ring (30)[[,]] when said nut member (20) is tightened.

~~{3}~~—A According to still another aspect of the invention there is provided a joint for tubings with which one end of a tubing (T) inserted into an internally threaded bore (21) of a nut member (20) is externally fitted to a joint main body (10), an internal thread of [[said]] the nut member (20) being tightened against an external thread (13) of the joint main body (10) for supporting the one end of the tubing (T), wherein a control ring (30) which is externally fitted to the external thread (13) of [[said]] the joint main body (10), and which, in tightening of [[said]] the nut member (20), can adjust the degree of tightening of [[said]] the nut member (20), being sandwiched between a stopper portion (17) in the shape of a circular flange that is formed on the rear side of the external thread (13) of [[said]] the joint main body (10) and the bore peripheral face (25) of the internally threaded bore (21) of [[said]] the nut member (20); [[said]] the control ring (30) is formed such that, by making the friction torque which is applied by [[said]] the internally threaded bore (21)[[,]] greater than the friction torque which is applied by [[said]] the stopper portion (17), [[said]] the nut member (20) is turned together with [[said]] the control ring (30)[[,]] when [[said]] the nut member (20) is tightened; and marking portions (36) are consecutively provided in the outer

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circumferential surface (38) of ~~[[said]]~~ the control ring (30) at a certain interval along the direction of circumference of ~~[[said]]~~ the outer circumferential surface (38).

Please delete the paragraphs beginning at page 5, line 6 and ending at page 6, line 8.

Please replace the abstract with the following rewritten abstract:

--A joint for tubings with which, in tightening the nut member (20), the friction torque applied to the first end face (32) of the control ring (30) by the bore peripheral face (25) of the internally threaded bore (21) of the nut member (20) is greater than the friction torque applied to the second end face (34) of the control ring (30) by the stopper portion (17) of the joint main body (10), and thus the nut member (20) is reliably turned together with the control ring (30) at the final stage of tightening the nut member (20), which allows the proper initial tightening position of the nut member (20) to be determined.--